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Increased DUII Enforcement

The Beaverton Police Department has been performing enhanced DUII patrols since August 16, 2013. This is part of a national traffic safety campaign with a focus on the days leading up to the Labor Day weekend. These enhanced DUII patrols will continue until September 2, 2013.

From August 16, 2013 to today we have arrested 15 individuals for DUII. 2 of them were DUII controlled substance, 12 were DUII and 1 was DUII felony. These are 15 individuals who could have been involved in a collision and killed themselves or someone else. They were stopped and because of this, a tragedy was prevented and they will be given the opportunity to change their behavior.

During this time the Beaverton Police Department will have officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public.

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It is also important that you read the labels on any prescription medication you take, before consuming any alcoholic beverage. Drinking alcohol while on some prescription medications can increase your inability to safely operate a motor vehicle and this could lead to serious injury or death.

Here are several things you can do to avoid becoming a statistic:

- Do not drink and drive.
- Do not ride with anyone who has been drinking.
- Do not use illegal drugs.
- Do not drive a motor vehicle until you know how a prescription medication affects you.
- Do not mix prescription medications and alcohol.
- Always use a seat belt.
- Have a designated driver.
- Report drunk drivers by calling 911.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over.

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